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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/523,111

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Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: **PIPERIDINE-PYRIDAZONES AND PHTHALAZONES AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8 and 10 as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-15, 17 and 19-35 will be pending in the captioned application. Claims 1, 4, 8 and 10 have been amended to separate the substituents "aminocarbonyl" and "1-4C-alkyl-carbonylamino" in the definition of R10. No other amendments to the claims have been submitted at this time.

The amendments to the claims do not add new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment before examination. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this submission, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
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